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SUBJECT: TOGOLESE ARMED FORCES RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

1. TOGO PRESSE (JUNE 4) ANNOUNCED THAT RECRUITING TEAM HEADED BY LTCOL ALABDJO TCHAMA (COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS BATTALION, 1ST COMBINED TOGOLESE REGIMENT) WILL TOUR TOGO JULY 1-15 TO ENLIST RECRUITS FOR FORCES ARMEES TOGOLAISES. CANDIDATES MUST BE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF AGE, NOT OVER 24, "BACHELORS WITHOUT CHILDREN."

2. FRENCH MILATT INFORMED ME JUNE 10 THAT TOTAL OF 720 RECRUITS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THEY WILL BE USED TO BEEF UP EXISTING UNITS IN ARMY, GENDARMERIE NATIONALE AND POLICE (ALTHOUGH POLICE ARE NOT PART OF FAT). FRMILATT ESTIMATED PRESENT FAT STRENGTH AT 3200 "EFFECTIFS," SO JULY RECRUITMENT WILL BOOST FORCE LEVEL BY 22.5 PERCENT, LESS THOSE ASSIGNED TO POLICE.

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3. COMMENT: FAT RECRUITERS SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE FILLING
QUOTAS, AT LEAST FOR ARMY AND GENDARMERIE WHICH OCCUPY PRIVILEG-
ED POSITIONS IN GENERAL EYADEMA'S TOGO. GIVEN DEARTH OF PAYING
JOBS FACING CURRENT WAVE OF YOUTH LEAVING SCHOOL THIS MONTH FAT
AND POLICE SHOULD, IN FACT, HAVE PLENTY OF YOUTH TO CHOOSE
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